THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (g) A fire broke out on the morning of 27-4-1993 in the Al India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi causing damage to some of the floors of the teaching block. An enquiry has been set up and the Committee has been asked to submt ts report on all the aspects, whithin one month.

Contaminated Drinking Water in West Bengal

1766. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Pioneer' of 27th April, 1993 under the caption "Contaminated water leads to host of ailments—Epidemic threatens West Delhi Colonies";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the residents of West Delhi colonies face an outbreak of jaundice and gastroenteritis due to contaminated drinking water;

(d) the number of persons found suffering from these water-borne diseases; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to stop the contaminated water supply and arrange to supply potable water to the people in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A survey conducted by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi in Fateh Nagar, Asha Park and its surrounding areas of West Delhi has revealed an increase in incidence of diarrhoea cases due to evidence of contamination of drinking water.

1007 houses were surveyed at random and it was found that 192 cases were suffering from loose motions and 3 cases from Jaundice.

(e) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have already initiated actions for supply of safe drinking water in all vulnerable areas.

Hospital in village Maidan Garhi

1767. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times of 21st April, 1993 under the caption 'This is Delhi Hospitals';

(b) what steps Government propose to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to speed up the construction of Government Hospitals in outer Delhi on the land already handed over to it to cope up with the problem;

(d) what is the approximate time period within which construction of Hospital Building in village Maidan Garhi, New Delhi is likely to be completed;

(e) what is the area and Khasra Number of land given by village Maidan Garhi for the purpose; and

(f) what is the Givernment's plan to connect the said Hospital with Roads?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Efforts are being made to upgrade the facilities and quality of services in the Government hospitals